

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required election from the following groups:

- I Claims 1-17 drawn to a method of forming a peptide conjugate, and
- II Claims 18-19 drawn to a cell comprising a peptide conjugate.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1-17) for initial examination.

Election of Species

In response to the requirement to elect a single disclosed species with all variables defined for prosecution on the merits, Applicants hereby elect the following:

- (1) Protein to be modified -- G-CSF; and
- (2) The modified sugar - water soluble polymer.

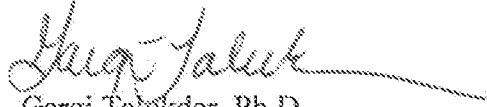
Applicants note that a response was filed on January 31, 2008 electing Erythropoietin. However, Applicants would instead like to elect G-CSF.

Claim 1-8 and 11-16 are generic to this election. Claims 9, 10 and 17 read on the elected species.

Applicants believe that the above election satisfies the requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-442-1000.

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